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#### **MATCH-MAKING IN ELECTRONIC TRADING SYSTEMS**

Application No. 09/834,494

Examiner J. Reagan

Art Unit 3621

Request for Continued Examination (in duplicate)  
Amendment

CH919990043US1  
(590.041)

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Filed : April 13, 2001 Group Art Unit : 3621  
For : MATCH-MAKING IN ELECTRONIC TRADING SYSTEMS

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-identified application.

1. **Extension of Time**

- ☒ No extension of time is needed.
- ☐ Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.
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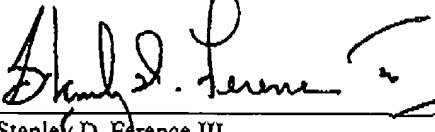
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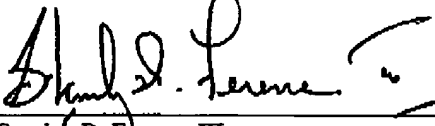
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